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- ☒ Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the form and return it to the undersigned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.
- ☒ The present application is being/was filed after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the pre-official gazette waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) posted at: [pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/idswouscopies.htm](http://pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/idswouscopies.htm), copies of cited U.S. patents are not enclosed. However, if the Examiner requests copies we will provide them.
- ☐ The present application was filed prior to June 30, 2003. A copy of each cited document as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 is enclosed.

— The present application was filed prior to June 30, 2003; however, each item of information contained in the *Information Disclosure Statement* was previously submitted by the applicant in a parent application from which benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1), with an *Information Disclosure Statement* submitted in the parent application which complies with the September 8, 2000 or subsequent revision of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a-c), and, therefore, no copies of the cited documents are not enclosed. If any of the cited/submitted documents is in a foreign language, a concise explanation of relevance is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i). For foreign language documents cited in a search report by a foreign patent office, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the submission herewith of an English language version of the search report. MPEP §609A(3). If a written English-language translation of a non-English language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in §1.56(c), a copy of the translation accompanies this statement, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(ii), and satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance, MPEP §609A(3).

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- (3) It is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits,  
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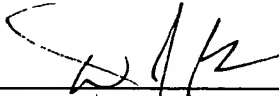
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